GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPETUS TO IT SECTOR IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to give impetus to Information Technology in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned during 2003- 2004;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Governments have sent any proposals to the Union Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) and (b): Department of Information Technology (DIT)through National Informatics Centre (NIC) has beenproviding network backbone and e-Governance support to Central Government Departments, State Governments and DistrictAdministration in the country. As a part of this activity, NIC has provided NICNETconnectivity to almost all the districts of Bihar and Jharkhand. NIC has developed and implemented a number of IT projects for these states (details of which are at Annexure). DIT, however, has no plan provision to allocate / sanction funds, state-wise.

(c),(d), (e) and (f): DIT has received requests from Government of Bihar and Government of Jharkhand for the setting up of Software Technology Park. In terms of present guidelines for setting up of such centers, certain commitments from state concerned are required in terms of provisioning of land and their share of grant-in-aid. These commitments are awaited from them.